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Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 5, 2003 of the  
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